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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Draft Removal Action Work Plan Proposed Eleanor Roosevelt High School Site Cleveland Avenue and Citrus Street, Corona

What's being proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on a proposed plan to address soil and groundwater contamination and methane gas present at the proposed Eleanor Roosevelt High School site. The site is west of Cleveland Avenue and Citrus Street in Corona. The proposed plan, called a draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW) describes what we think is the best way to address contamination at the site. If approved, the draft RAW will allow for: 1) limited excavation and removal of contaminated soil, 2) installation of a soil vapor extraction system, 3) groundwater monitoring, and 4) installation of a methane collection and venting system. From February 2002 to October 2004, investigations at the site revealed the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater and methane in soil. VOCs and methane are the chemicals of concern at the site. The source of methane gas is believed to be cow manure. Methane gas is odorless and colorless. Methane gas in soil could build up under school buildings or crawl spaces at unsafe levels and potentially explode. The source of VOCs is believed to be from a former gasoline underground storage tank that may have leaked on-site. The goal of the draft RAW is to: 1) prevent build up of methane gas from happening, and 2) reduce the levels of VOCs found in soil 3) and monitoring of groundwater for VOCs. DTSC prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) which is our finding the proposed actions (digging, installation and monitoring) will not have a significant environmental effect.

Why this notice and how do I participate?

This notice is to provide you the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments on the draft RAW to DTSC by April 7, 2005. Your participation is encouraged. The 30-day public comment period begins March 8, 2005 and ends April 7, 2005, during which time you may provide us your comments on the draft RAW and draft NOE. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by April 7, 2005, and sent to Ms. Stephanie Blanco, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, California, 90630, e-mail: sblanco@dtsc.ca.gov.

Where do I get more information and who can I contact?

A copy of the draft RAW, draft NOE, and other site documents are available for review at the Norco Library, 3954 Hamner Road, Norco, CA, 90860, (951) 735-5329, the Corona-Norco Unified School District, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860, (951) 736-5054, and at the DTSC Cypress office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, contact Ms. Stephanie Blanco, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5433, e-mail sblanco@dtsc.ca.gov or Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354, e-mail slear@dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov. Notice to the Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Stacey Lear at (714) 484-5354.